



California Public
Employees'
Retirement
System

Departmental
OPEN, SPOT
Examination For:

SENIOR INVESTMENT OFFICER, CalPERS (Asset Allocation/Risk Management) (pending DPA & SPB approval)

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OPEN, SPOT EXAMINATION FOR: SACRAMENTO COUNTY

Open only – This is an open examination. Applications will not be accepted on a promotional basis. Career credits do not apply.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications (Form 678) may be filed in person or by mail to:

California Public Employees' Retirement System

400 P Street, Room 3260

Sacramento, California 95814

DO NOT SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD

FINAL FILING DATE: JANUARY 12, 2004

****You must indicate on your application that you are applying for the Senior Investment Officer, CalPERS (Asset Allocation/Risk Management) examination. You must also include Examination Code 4PA0301 on your examination application.****

Applications (Form 678) must be **POSTMARKED** no later than the final filing date. Applications may be filed in person but must be received by the department by the **CLOSE OF BUSINESS** on the final filing date.

Applications postmarked, personally delivered or received via interoffice mail after the close of business on the final filing date will not be accepted for any reason. Note: Applications will not be accepted via e-mail. If you have a disability and need special testing arrangements, mark the appropriate box in Part 2 of the "Application for Examination." You will be contacted to make specific arrangements.

QUALIFICATIONS APPRAISAL INTERVIEW: It is anticipated that the exam will be held during **January 2004**. Once exam candidates have been scheduled, there will be no changes or reschedules allowed. Exam interviews will be held in Sacramento.

SALARY RANGE: Minimum \$16,516 Maximum \$21,132

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMITTANCE TO THE EXAMINATION

NOTE: All applicants must meet the education and/or experience requirements for this examination by **JANUARY 12, 2004**, the final file date. Qualifying experience may be combined on a proportionate basis if the requirements stated below include more than one pattern and are distinguished as "Either" I, "or" II, "or" III, etc.. For example, candidates possessing qualifying experience amounting to 50% of the required time of Pattern I, and additional experience amounting to 50% of the required time of Pattern II, may be admitted to an examination as meeting 100% of the overall experience requirement.

Either I

Experience: Four years of experience in California State service performing the duties of an Investment Manager, Public Employees' Retirement System (Asset Allocation/Risk Management) or the duties of another CalPERS Portfolio Manager or Senior Portfolio Manager position requiring extensive quantitative analysis.

Or II

Experience: Seven years of asset allocation or risk management experience, including some supervisory experience over professional staff, which involved a large investment, commodity, or energy portfolio, requiring sophisticated quantitative analysis to achieve desired financial objectives within prescribed risk tolerances. Qualifying State experience must be at a level comparable to that of an Investment Manager, Public Employees' Retirement System (Asset Allocation/Risk Management). AND

The following education is required when non-California State service is used to qualify:

Education: Equivalent to graduation from college with major work in business administration, economics, finance, mathematics, or a closely related field.

(Possession of an advanced degree in one of the fields included above in the education requirement, or a closely related field; or certification as a Chartered Financial Analyst or other equivalent financial or accounting certification such as a Certified Public Accountant, may be substituted for one year of the required experience.)

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT

Must be able to qualify for a surety bond

SPECIAL PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS

Acts in a professional manner and demonstrates a high degree of integrity, honesty and ethical behavior; demonstrates openness and trust; establishes and builds rapport by modeling values-based behaviors; exhibits strong interpersonal and mentoring skills; promotes teamwork and cross-functional collaboration and communication in support of CalPERS strategic goals; and promotes a high-performance culture where employees are encouraged and enabled to perform to their greatest potential.

THE POSITION

The Senior Investment Officer, CalPERS (Asset Allocation/Risk Management) is the manager of the asset allocation/risk management program and is responsible for the overall management of the centralized asset allocation and risk management program, participates as a member of the senior management team in the development of the overall CalPERS investment strategies, and represents the CalPERS Board of Administration and the Investment Office before the Legislature, external investment community, and the media on issues relating to asset allocation and risk management.

Positions exist with the California Public Employees' Retirement System in SACRAMENTO.

EXAMINATION INFORMATION

This examination will consist of a qualifications appraisal interview. This interview will include a number of predetermined job-related questions and may or may not also include a written exercise. (Exam notices will notify candidates if a written exercise will be included.) In order to obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum final score of 70.00% must be attained.

LIST INFORMATION

The resulting eligible list will be used to fill vacancies in Sacramento only. The list will be abolished 12 months after it is established unless the needs of the service and conditions of the list warrant a change in this period.

COMPETITORS WHO DO NOT APPEAR FOR THE INTERVIEW WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

Qualifications Appraisal Interview - Weighted 100.00% SCOPE:

A. Knowledge of:

1. Economic principles and trends, and their impact on the management of a large and varied investment portfolio
2. Various types of investments and their characteristics, including equities, fixed income investments, real estate, and alternative investments
3. Asset allocation principles and practices, and the role of asset allocation in meeting pension system objectives

4. External investment consulting resources, particularly in the areas of asset allocation and risk management; factors affecting pension system decisions on asset allocation and risk, including benefit payment liabilities

5. Investment risk management principles and practices

6. Quantitative analysis used to determine and monitor investment risk

7. Methods for offsetting or mitigating investment risks

8. Computer applications used in asset allocation and risk analysis

9. Principles and practices of supervision, including the manager's/ supervisor's responsibility for promoting equal opportunity in hiring and employee development and promotion, and for maintaining a work environment that is free of discrimination and harassment

B. Ability to:

1. Gather and analyze a broad range of economic and investment information, and synthesize it into concise and coherent conclusions and recommendations

2. Work effectively with the Board of Administration and gain their confidence

3. Organize and present complex investment information, analyses, and alternatives in a manner than can be readily understood by persons who are not investment professionals

4. Use a variety of analytical techniques to develop and analyze asset allocation alternatives

5. Use a variety of quantitative techniques to measure and monitor risk within and across various investment categories

6. Adapt effectively to changing market conditions

7. Work effectively with a broad variety of external contacts, such as external consultants and investment managers

8. Make clear and concise oral and written presentations

9. Establish and maintain cooperative relations with those contacted in the course of work

10. Plan and direct the work of subordinate staff, while effectively promoting equal opportunity in employment and maintaining a work environment that is free of discrimination and harassment

11. Provide expert, policy-level consultation to the Board of Administration, and develop asset allocation and risk management options and strategies that are consistent with their investment objectives and policies

12. Select and manage external consultants
- Open – No Veterans Preference – Veterans preference credit will not be granted in this examination since it does not qualify as an entrance examination under the law.

It is the candidate's responsibility to contact the CalPERS Personnel Office (916) 326-3065 and Calif. Relay Service 711* three days prior to the written test date if he/she has not received his/her notice.

For an examination without a written feature it is the candidate's responsibility to contact the CalPERS Personnel Office (916) 326-3065 and Calif. Relay Service 711 three weeks after the final filing date if he/she has not received a progress notice.

If a candidate's notice of oral interview or performance test fails to reach him/her prior to the day of the interview due to a verified postal error, he/she will be rescheduled upon request.

Applications are available at State Personnel Board offices, local offices of the Employment Development Department and the Department noted on the front.

If you meet the requirements stated on the reverse, you may take this examination, which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirements does not assure a place on the eligible list. Your performance in the examination described on the other side of this bulletin will be compared with the performance of the others who take this test, and all candidates who pass will be ranked according to their scores.

The California Public Employees' Retirement System reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better meet the needs of the service if the circumstances under which this examination was planned change. Such revision will be in accordance with civil service law and rules and all competitors will be notified.

Examination Locations: When a written test is part of the examination, it will be given in such places in California as the number of candidates and conditions warrant. Ordinarily, oral interviews are scheduled in Sacramento. However, locations of interviews may be limited or extended as conditions warrant.

Eligible Lists: Eligible lists established by competitive examination, regardless of date, must be used in the following order: 1) subdivisional promotional, 2) departmental promotional, 3) multidepartmental promotional, 4) servicewide promotional, 5) open eligible list. When there are two lists of the same kind, the older must be used first. Eligible lists will expire in from one to four years unless otherwise stated on this bulletin.

General Qualifications: Candidates must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, and ability to work cooperatively with others; and a state of health consistent with the ability to perform the assigned duties of the class. A medical examination may be required. In open examinations, investigation may be made of employment records and personal history and fingerprinting may be required.

Interview Scope: If an interview is conducted, in addition to the scope described on the other side of this bulletin, the panel will consider education, experience, personal traits, and fitness. In appraising experience, more weight will be given to the breadth and recency of pertinent experience and evidence of the candidate's ability to accept and fulfill increasing responsibilities than to the length of his/her experience. Evaluation of a candidate's personal development will include consideration of his/her recognition of his/her own training needs; his/her plans for self-development and the progress he/she has made in his/her efforts toward self-development.

High School Equivalence: Equivalence to completion of the 12th grade may be demonstrated in any one of the following ways: 1) passing the General Educational Developmental (GED) Test by scoring at least 35 on each of the five subtests and averaging 45 for all the subtests; 2) completion of 12 semester units of college-level work; 3) certification from the State Department of Education, a local school board, or high school authorities that the candidate is considered to have education equivalent to graduation from high school; or 4)for clerical and accounting classes, substitution of business college work in a place of high school on a year-for-year basis.

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